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SUBJ: ABUNDIO MALDONADO ELECTED MAYOR

1. ELECTORAL COUNCIL APRIL 17 AWARDED VICTORY IN THE MARCH 5
GUATEMALA CITY MAYORAL ELECTION TO COLONEL ABUNDIO MALDONADO,
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS CONSULTED BY US ALL ALONG
CONSIDERED MALDONADO, WHO RAN AS AN INDEPENDENT, THE REAL
WINNER, BUT THERE HAD BEEN DOUBT THAT HIS SUPPOSED ADVANTAGE
WOULD BE RECOGNIZED IN THE OFFICIAL TALLY. AS LATE AS APRIL 16,
THE ELECTORAL COUNCIL ATTRIBUTED TO PR CANDIDATE GONZALO YURRITA
AN IMPROBABLE 7,000VOTE EDGE.

3. FINAL TALLY GAVE MALDONADO 36,102 VOTES; YURRITA 35,088;
AND PADRE CHEMITA (FATHER JOSE MARIA RUIZ FURLAN) 27,148,
FOLLOWED BY AMERICO CINFUENTES (FUR), VINICIO CEREZO (DCG)
AND LESSER ALSO-RANS. CHEMITA, WHOSE PARTISANS BURNED COPIES
OF THE ELECTORAL LAW AND THE CONSTITUTION SEVERAL DAYS AGO
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IN FRONT OF NATIONAL PALACE, SAID BEFORE FINAL RESULT WAS
ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD WITHDRAWN HIS CANDIDACY RATHER THAN
LEND HIMSELF TO THE SHENANIGANS OF THE ELECTORAL COUNCIL.
CIFUENTES HAS GIVEN SOME INDICATION HE MAY FILE A CHALLENGE.
YURRITA, WHO CONCEDED DEFEAT THE MORNING AFTER THE ELECTION,
CONCEDED AGAIN YESTERDAY AND DENIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH
FRAUD AS MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

4. THE WINNER, WHO SEES THE MAYORSHIP AS A POSSIBLE LAUNCHING
PAD FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 1982, HAS HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM.
BESET WITH ALL THE USUAL URBAN PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH
LOW REVENUES, INFLATED PAYROLLS AND EXPLOSIVE GROWTH, THE
MUNICIPALITY IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE A POLITICAL GRAVE-
YARD. MALDONADO'S SUPPORTERS WILL BE A MINORITY IN THE CITY
COUNCIL, BUT HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COUNT ON THE INFORMAL
SUPPORT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND A MODICUM OF COOPERATION
FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.
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